

Whorouly District Community Plan 2010/2011



What is community planning & what does the Whorouly community hope to achieve?

A Community Plan talks about the key issues facing a community and recommends strategies that Council and/or agencies could implement to address your identified needs. The community hope to achieve sustainable growth and value all community members.

Profile

Named after a nearby station, the Whorouly district is nestled in the Ovens Valley. The rich fertile soils and flood plains along the Ovens River support dairy cattle, orchards and market gardens. Once known for tobacco growing, entrepreneurial farmers have transitioned into capsicums, kiwi fruit and other speciality produce. The Italian influence enhances the cultural diversity of the district. The district includes the localities of Whorouly South, Whorouly East and Whorouly with approximately 300 residences. The village township supports a school, grocer, garage, hotel and post office. The Recreation Reserve is an excellent facility with its hall and outdoor BBQ area providing a popular meeting place. The cricket, tennis, football and netball clubs are strong and pride themselves on their history of achievement. The junior sporting activities have been an important part of the community. The Senior Citizens provide social gatherings monthly combined with a community meal. The community values its proximity to the rail trail, Great Alpine Way and the Snow Road. Development is constrained due to the flood overlay, so visitation to the area is important for sustainability. With the planned connecting pathways, improved signage and bike racks, the district's accessibility and economic viability will be further enhanced.

Background

The Whorouly community participated in a community planning meeting, facilitated by Wangaratta Rural City, at the Recreation Reserve on Wednesday 9 June 2010 to identify the priority needs of the community. The information in this plan was generated from discussion with the local residents. The community champions had follow up workshops on 9th and 23rd June 2010. The information gathered from these meetings forms the basis for the Whorouly Community Plan.

What Community Groups exist?

- Anglican Church
- Book Club
- Card Club
- Catholic Church
- Dance Group
- Landcare Group
- Parents Club
- Whorouly CFA
- Whorouly Cricket Club
- Whorouly CWA
- Whorouly Football & Netball Club
- Whorouly Hall Committee
- Whorouly Kindergarten
- Whorouly Memorial Park Committee
- Whorouly Neighbourhood Watch WNG10
- Whorouly Playgroup
- Whorouly Pre-School
- Whorouly Public Library Hall
- Whorouly Senior Citizens
- Whorouly Tennis Club

How do locals communicate?

Whorouly School newsletter
Neighbourhood Watch bimonthly newsletter
Noticeboard
Mail drop

Community facilities...

Whorouly Primary School
Whorouly Recreation Reserve & Community Centre
Whorouly CFA Shed
Whorouly Hall & Preschool
Whorouly Anglican Hall
Whorouly South Community Centre

What Community Events are held?

Australia Day Celebration
CWA & Preschool luncheon & Garden Walk
La Fiera
Whorouly South Christmas Party
Preschool & School Pasta Night
Whorouly Primary School Concert



What Memorials exist in your community?

Memorial Gates – Rec Reserve
Hume & Hovell Monument
Honour Rolls at school, hall & complex

Local Businesses

Whorouly Hotel
Wombie Toys
The Whorouly Grocer
Remel 185
Whorouly Nursery
Whorouly Garage

What attracts tourists to your area?

B&Bs The Whorouly Grocer Store
Rail trail Sprindrift
Ovens River Wineries
Football

Links to other communities – schooling & shopping...

Primary – Whorouly
Secondary – Wangaratta (fee paying bus) & Myrtleford
Ovens Learning Community
Community relates to Myrtleford & Wangaratta

Existing Plans, Strategies & Programs...

Whorouly Rec Reserve Strategic Plan
Whorouly Football & Netball Plan
Whorouly Cricket Club (plan in progress)

Themes from the community meeting held on 9 June 2010.

This is a list of identified needs generated from a brainstorming session:



Community participation & pride, safe environment, great place for families, river, environment, nicer area for congregation of folk, school population, maintain land zoning, sporting club facilities, bus now bypasses Whorouly, mobile library for all population,

skate park, fix ditch in main street, organise Whorouly Village signage, walking/bike link to rail trail with plantings linking into town centre, skate park, young people, BMX track & clinic showing how to, signage to town and advertise businesses, signage from Snow Rd, Alpine Hwy & rail trail, museum, archive for town memorabilia, upkeep of historic building, library hall, trees for streetscape tourism & shade, footpath – OH&S, rail trail link up town with existing track, link tourism to local businesses, increase patronage, water tanks, outdoor movie, community involvement & feel good, bus – access to town for kids/bikes and older people, intersection at Whorouly South Road and Whorouly Carboor Road – needs to change to a T intersection for safety, mobile library reinstated, zoning – we need to be able to build (flood overlay), open drains in centre of town, rail trail extension to Whorouly, footpath around town, seal roads, repair & widen roads (Back Road, Church Street & Lagoon Drive), improve tourism signage – uniform & all entrances to town and on rail trail, public transport to Wangaratta, gym, upgrade clubrooms, heated pool, playground needs improvement, reserve entrance & BBQ areas landscaped, maintain public hall & utilise, hard court & lighting – tennis, Elm trees & beetle infestation, increase fish stocks in Ovens River, Old Whorouly South Scout Hall needs pulling down (asbestos), additional street lighting in town, meals on wheels (locally produced), cemetery, B Doubles on Bowmans Forest Road a safety issue, stop sign/road lines at intersections (Church St), educational opportunities – linking in with The Centre & neighbourhood houses, aged care accommodation, Whorouly South Road & Carboor-Whorouly Road – dangerous intersection, flood overlay/rural zoning (40ha), school health, community growth,

aged care accommodation, bike path/walking track- Bowmans link to rail trail, Milawa-gourmet trail, roads – speed(reduce in town), signage (tourism/businesses), footpaths, roundabout at pub, street lighting, Pat's drain, youth – skate park, playground improvement, bus to Wangaratta, entertainment, BBQ, community wood-fired pizza oven, promotion, website, brochure, community newsletter, aged care services – transport, food & health, signs to public toilets, advertise town amenities, Kneebone Gap, Henleys Gap, Whorouly Creek on Snow Road, Bocce rink, safe houses for kids, community disaster plan – fire, flood, catastrophe, emergency, some form of transport for specialist appointments & local doctors & bus, picnic spot at the river – Bowmans Bridge, chairs & tables, trees, parking spot, rubbish bins, light at/over intersection Snow Road/Whorouly Road, bus transport from Bright to Wangaratta station detour through Whorouly & return one day per week, bike trail extension Bowmans to Whorouly, walking track front of school to Post Office, meals on wheels, local produce & labour, avenue of trees into town, transport for elderly, bike trail to rail trail, drain needed along road in town, footpath from school to post office, exercise classes, widening road seal on shoulders – Whorouly Road in township, lopping of trees in Church Street, Meals on Wheels (made locally), umpire/football change rooms, community gymnasium, safe area during fire/flood/heat, extra netball court, community population – retention & expansion, zoning (laws need to be changed), acreage, flood overlay, fire overlay, availability to build on residential & farming blocks to entice young families or retain local younger generation in our community, business sites, retirement possibilities eg units, school numbers, outside

seating at recreation reserve, entrance/car park & flagpole area at rec reserve upgrade



Allocation of \$5,000 grant

The community identified and voted on the following projects:

Skate park	2
Projector & screen	20
Beautify reserve entrance	
BBQ area	15

It was decided that the Rec Reserve committee would meet to decide how to best allocate the money. At the next Rec Reserve meeting it was decided to allocate the money to upgrade the reserve entrance and BBQ .



Whorouly Community Champions: L-R (standing) John Matheson, David Beckworth, Barrie Henderson, Trent Newton, Dan Taylor, (seated) Sue Bromilow, Pat Webb & Caroline Pizzey
Absent: Pauline McPherson, Gary Baxter, Charlie & Kerry Hajek, Cathy LaSpina, Ruth Costenaro, Tina Ivone and Glen Prentice.

WHOROULY COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2010/2011

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Whorouly Rec Reserve -Umpire & player change rooms & -Gymnasium -Extra netball court & -Hard Court -Outside seating -Upgrade entrance & -BBQ area -Outdoor movie	Barry Henderson John Matheson Pauline McPherson	Encourage local participation in recreation and improve their health & wellbeing. To live, play and be proud of facilities in Whorouly. Improve facilities and aesthetic feel of Rec Reserve. Provide opportunities for community to come together.	Establish a new building that provides a place for people to be active. Upgrade Rec Reserve entrance. Increased functionality of of Rec Reserve facilities. Outdoor movie conducted.	RCoW – Community & Amenity RCoW-Recreation Planner Whorouly Rec Reserve RCoW-Community & Recreation
Zoning -flood overlay -block sizes -maintain community -growth -population (school)	John Matheson Gary Baxter (school rep)	Work towards development options that enable flexibility in planning.	Flexible options within the proposed planning scheme that fits Whorouly.	RCoW - Planning
Rail Trail -walking/bike track link	Charlie Hajek Ruth Costenaro Cathy LaSpina	Investigate bike path connections from existing infrastructure to link with Whorouly to enhance overall network.	Whorouly connected into existing bike paths.	RCoW – Wang Unlimited Cycling Tourism Officer RCoW – Infrastructure

-signage to Whorouly -picnic spot at Bowmans Bridge		Directional signage to Whorouly. Rest Area to encourage cyclists/locals/tourists to stop in the area.	Signage erected. Picnic setting established at Bowmans Bridge.	NECMA, DSE, RCoW
Drainage	Pat Webb Sue Bromilow	Improve safety and appearance of open drains in Whorouly township. To construct proper drains, particularly in the Whorouly township areas with culverts, replacing current dangerous & open drains.	Open drains upgraded in the Whorouly township.	RCoW - Infrastructure
Footpath Roads & Speed limits	Tina Ivone Charlie & Kerry Hajek Pauline McPherson	To make it safer for pedestrians, especially the young & elderly to move about within the town centre.	To construct footpaths connecting the school, PO, shop, hall, kindergarten, rec centre & churches in Whorouly.	RCoW – Community & Amenity RCoW-Infrastructure
Signage	David Beckworth	Improve tourism and local business signage.	Tourist drive signs, town entrance & local business signage installed.	RCoW – Infrastructure RCoW – Tourism
Youth Activities -Skate Park -BMX track -improve playground equipment	Glenn Prentice Kerry Hajek	Provide infrastructure for youth recreation.	Establish recreational facilities at the rec reserve, including Skate Park, BMX track, improve playground.	RCoW – Community & Recreation

Services for Seniors -Meals made locally	Pat Webb	Provide locally produced meals to seniors to encourage living at home longer and healthier living.	Seniors Community Meals prepared and cooked locally.	RCoW – Community & Recreation
Community Newsletter Promotion – brochure & website	Caroline Pizzey	Investigate funding for a community newsletter to enhance communication in the Whorouly district.	Funding sought to provide a Whorouly district community newsletter.	RCoW – Community Planning
School Bus to Wangaratta	Kerry Hajek	Investigate transport options for students travelling to Wangaratta.	School bus to Wangaratta established.	Dept of Infrastructure Wangaratta High School Bus Coordinator
Community Transport -to town/station -for elderly	Tina Ivone	To provide regular & easily accessible transport to a regional centre (Wangaratta) for the people of Whorouly.	A bus service established from Whorouly to Wangaratta and return.	Ovens & King Community Health Dept of Infrastructure
Community Disaster Plan	Dan Taylor Trent Newton	Wait and see the outcomes of the CFA Blueprint which may provide framework in gathering information for a community disaster plan.	Community Disaster Plan established.	RCoW-Emergency Management SES-FloodSmart

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

WHOROULY - COMMUNITY PLANNING

A Vibrant and Healthy Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>Provide infrastructure for youth recreation.</p> <p>Goal - Establish recreational facilities at the Rec Reserve, including Skate Park, BMX track, improve playground</p>	<p>Work with young people to further develop activities for youth.</p> <p>Review and implement Council’ s Access and Inclusion Plan and Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community is e.g. meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds, and transport.</p>	<p>Create opportunities and encourage young people to have input into decision making on issues affecting them.</p>	<p>Youth Strategy Rural City of Wangaratta Recreation Strategy</p>	<p>RCoW – Community & Recreation</p>
<p>Provide locally produced meals to seniors to encourage living at home longer and healthier living.</p> <p>Goal - Seniors Community</p>	<p>Continue to work with the community and relevant agencies to identify barriers to social participation and identify strategies to address these.</p>	<p>Ensure the provision of services reflects the following principles: based on individual strengths and abilities; encourages self motivation; and encourages</p>		<p>RCoW – Community & Recreation</p>

Meals prepared and cooked locally.		independence.		
Investigate funding for a community newsletter to enhance communication in the Whorouly district. Goal - Funding sought to provide a Whorouly district community newsletter.	Continue to seek more creative ways to communicate with groups who do not often engage.			RCoW – Community & Recreation

Safety & Accessibility – Safety, transport

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To provide regular & easily accessible transport to a regional centre (Wangaratta) for the people of Whorouly Goal - A bus service established from Whorouly to Wangaratta and return.	Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community is e.g. meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds and transport.	Continue to work with the Transport Connections Project to develop a Transport Action Plan and address identified public and community transport gaps.		Ovens & King Community Health Dept of Infrastructure
Wait and see the outcomes of the CFA Blueprint which may provide framework in gathering information for		Support communities in identifying their needs to achieve recovery from crisis situations. Work with emergency		RCoW-Emergency Management SES-FloodSmart

a community disaster plan. Goal - Community Disaster Plan established.		services and other agencies to develop a proactive approach to planning for crisis situations.		
Investigate transport options for students travelling to Wangaratta. Goal - School bus to Wangaratta established	Work with other levels of government and community agencies to identify and address transport issues.	Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.		Dept of Infrastructure Wangaratta High School Bus Coordinator

Infrastructure – roads, signs, halls

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<p>place for people to be active.</p> <p>Upgrade Rec Reserve entrance.</p> <p>Increased functionality of of Rec Reserve facilities.</p> <p>Outdoor movie conducted.</p>				
<p>Work towards development options that enable flexibility in planning.</p> <p>Goal - Flexible options within the proposed planning scheme that fits Whorouly.</p>	<p>Community to identify local attractions and features from Community planning.</p> <p>Deliver zoning changes through the Planning Scheme</p>	<p>As part of the community planning process, develop structure plans for individual townships.</p>	<p>Wangaratta Planning Scheme</p>	<p>RCoW - Planning</p>
<p>Improve safety and appearance of open drains in Whorouly township.</p> <p>To construct proper drains, particularly in the Whorouly township areas with culverts, replacing current dangerous & open drains.</p> <p>Goal - Open drains upgraded in the Whorouly township.</p>		<p>Develop options for overcoming drainage deficiencies within the urban areas.</p> <p>Identify and enhance the core elements which contribute to community safety and liveability in the Rural City of Wangaratta.</p>		<p>RCoW - Infrastructure</p>

<p>To make it safer for pedestrians, especially the young & elderly to move about within the town centre.</p> <p>Goal - To construct footpaths connecting the school, PO, shop, hall, kindergarten, rec centre & churches in Whorouly.</p>		<p>Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.</p>		<p>RCoW – Community & Amenity RCoW-Infrastructure</p>
<p>Investigate bike path connections from existing infrastructure to link with Whorouly to enhance overall network.</p> <p>Directional signage to Whorouly.</p> <p>Rest Area to encourage cyclists/locals/tourists to stop in the area.</p> <p>Goal - Whorouly connected into existing bike paths. Signage erected. Picnic setting established</p>	<p>Plan and develop a shared use system of pathways throughout the municipality.</p>	<p>·implementing the key actions of the Cycle Tourism Strategy in collaboration with Alpine and Indigo Shires; and Review Council’s Cycling to the Future - Bicycle Path Strategy.</p> <p>Develop an action plan to promote cycling and walking as an alternative to vehicle use, including: bike stations; bike racks; and signage.</p> <p>Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.</p>	<p>Cycling to the Future – Bicycle Path Strategy Cycle Tourism Strategy</p>	<p>RCoW – Wang Unlimited Cycling Tourism Officer RCoW – Infrastructure NECMA, DSE, RCoW</p>
<p>Improve tourism and local business signage.</p> <p>Goal - Tourist drive signs, town entrance & local business signage installed.</p>		<p>Implement the 2010-2013 Rural City of Wangaratta Tourism Industry Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Tourism Industry Strategic Plan</p>	<p>RCoW – Infrastructure RCoW – Tourism</p>